

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

[0070] An information retrieval system and method are provided. Content from various sources, such as television, radio and/or Internet, are analyzed for the purpose of determining whether the content matches a predefined user profile, which corresponds to a manually or automatically created personalized information source. The personalized information source is then automatically created to permit access to the information in audio, video and/or textual form. In this manner, the universe of searchable media content can be narrowed to only those programs of interest to the user. Information retrieval can be accomplished through a PDA, radio, computer, MP3 player, television and the like. Thus, the universe of media content sources is narrowed to a personalized set.